

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-54 (Canceled)

55. (New) A therapy apparatus comprising:

a container having an interior cavity and having an inlet opening providing access to said interior cavity, whereby a patient's extremity may be inserted into the container and be moved within the container, and

a plurality of massaging elements disposed in the container, wherein each massaging element has a generally spherical exterior and has a plurality of projections extending from said generally spherical exterior, there being a sufficient number of massaging elements in the cavity that a patient's extremity will contact projections of several massaging elements during movement within the container.

56. (New) An apparatus according to claim 55, further comprising a liquid medium in the container.

57. (New) An apparatus according to claim 55, wherein the projections are pointed.

58. (New) A method of treating a patient comprising:

providing a container having an interior cavity and having an inlet opening providing access to said interior cavity, whereby the patient's extremity may be inserted into the container and be moved within the container,

providing a plurality of massaging elements wherein each massaging element has a generally spherical exterior and has a plurality of projections extending from said generally spherical exterior,

placing a sufficient number of massaging elements in the cavity that the patient's extremity will contact projections of several massaging elements during movement within the container,

the massaging elements being freely disposed in the container,
and

placing the patient's extremity in the container through the inlet opening and driving massaging elements into motion, whereby the extremity is stimulated by the protrusions of multiple massaging elements contacting the extremity.

59. (New) A method according to claim 58, wherein there is a liquid medium in the container and the method comprises at least partially immersing the extremity in the liquid medium.

60. (New) A massaging element comprising a spherical body and a plurality of projections disposed on an external surface thereof, the projections and the spherical body comprising an integral piece of solid material and the projections being disposed at projection points of apexes and centers of pentagons and hexagons of a polyhedron (truncated icosahedron) conditionally inscribed onto the body, on the spherical surface of the massaging element.